

WALL OF TOM'S INSPIRATION IS STANDING IN THE EYE OF A STORM.

WITH NEW SINGLE RELEASE "TORNADO"



Santa Barbara, CA - (April 2018)- Songwriting is a finicky craft, blowing as strong as a hurricane on some days, others days as empty as a dried up well. For the band WALL OF TOM's head songwriter Tommie Vaughn, her well had run dry for years. "Well... maybe not *years*," Tommie shrugs and smiles her megawatt grin, "Wall of Tom had released four albums within a ten year span, when I became pregnant with my first child and moved from Los Angeles to Santa Barbara. And truthfully, I became pretty wrapped up in parenthood, (she now has two young children) so much so, that I had quieted my inner artist and she was getting very angry. When the band began playing again, the songs came to me with the vengeance of a storm that would not end. It's like I was back from the dead and this band was my lifeline. When the mini-hurricane hit Santa Barbara in early September, we were together doing a photo shoot, totally freaked out, but it was the real life muse of our new song *Tornado*."

WALL OF TOM is a 5-piece Alternative Rock band based between the sands of Santa Barbara and the pavements of Los Angeles featuring female/male vocal duo Tommie Vaughn and Tony Grimes. Blending L.A. Rock Roots with West Coast Country swagger, WALL OF TOM expands past conventions with their unique vibe and musical palette – Tommie with her powerful raspy voice, Tony's pure harmonies and acoustic guitars, Louisa Wood's captivating charisma on cello & ukulele, Ryan Hensley's cocky cowboy bass, and Kerim Imes powerful heartbeat on drums.

Touching on the bedrock of Fleetwood Mac, The Pretenders, and Jeff Buckley, WALL OF TOM loves to push and pull on the various threads of Rock's DNA while remaining firmly focused on song craft. With songs that celebrate aggressive loving, desire and release, heartache and courage, WALL OF TOM pulses and throbs on a mission to knock down walls, entice crowds with lush sonic stories and captivate audiences with authentic original energy.

What is it about WALL OF TOM that makes their music and live shows so unforgettable? "I think people enjoy the journey of the songs and the bands playful energy together on stage. We really like to keep them guessing, very much like Fleetwood Mac, not just musically but also because we have a bit of incest going on behind the scenes," Tommie winks mysteriously, "It makes for wonderful inspiration when you are writing music."

WALL OF TOM is gearing up for a busy summer, shooting a new music video for their up-coming single *Tornado* the beginning of May in San Louis Obispo with local JNorth Productions at the beautiful La Cuesta Ranch and will be playing a few shows locally to stay warmed up. On April 21 Wall of Tom will be hitting the main stage for Santa Barbara's Earth Day Festival at 1:30pm, as well as more shows from San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and lots of places in between. The local modern rock station KJEE has featured WoT a few times on their 'Localize It' music pick of the week and the band will release it's new single through 92.9FM's show as soon as the video is ready to roll.

And if you needed to get the stamp of anyone's approval: "Wall of Tom's single, Cherish Every Moment, is a well written, performed and meant song, free of cynicism. Rare in these times." ~Henry Rollins

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